

- e. What do verses 3-4 teach us about prayer? How does this encourage you to see the importance of prayer?

- f. What was the significance of burning incense on the altar in the Old Testament? How is this connected to prayer? Take a look at Exodus 30:7-8 and Psalm 141:1-2.

- g. What did the angel do with the incense burner in verse 5? What do you think is the significance of this action?

- h. Look again at 8:3-5. Consider Revelation 6:9-11 and Psalm 141:2. For what are the saints praying in chapter 6? What is the relationship between those prayers in chapter 6 and the events of chapter 8?

2. The Desolation on the Earth. Read Revelation 8:7-12

- a. Describe any parallels between the plagues in Egypt and the destruction described in these verses? Take a look at Exodus 7:14-24, Exodus 9:13-35; Exodus 10:21-29.

- b. What hope does God give those who are going through this time of tribulation? Refer to Joel 2:30-32?

- c. Over what parts of creation does God show His sovereignty with the trumpets? Why is this significant?

- d. How does the destruction of a third of the earth show God's mercy?

- e. What do you find to be the most terrifying parts of Revelation 8? Why?

- f. How is this passage a call to repentance?

- g. How is this passage an encouragement to the saints?

3. The Proclamation from Heaven. Read Revelation 8:13.

- a. What is the message presented in verse 13?

Application

- How should the realities revealed in this passage change the way you pray?